



MANY VOICES - ONE COMMUNITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON RACE & RACISM

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Lynchburg City Council's vision includes the statement that *"Lynchburg acknowledges and values its rich cultural, ethnic, racial, and religious diversity while promoting a respectful and cohesive community."* It is in the spirit of that vision statement that the City of Lynchburg is embarking on a community dialogue about race and racism.

Become a Facilitator



Why don't you become a facilitator? The Lynchburg Community Dialogue will provide facilitator training – see deadlines below. Click on this link to find out more and to sign up to be a

facilitator. [Facilitators Information](#)

Deadlines

November 16th for December Training Group
December 14th for January Training Group

Time for Action

The pilot study circles wrapped up today and a Pilot Action Forum is being planned for early December. The Pilot Action Forum will be held December 6th, 6:00-9:00 PM at Lynchburg College, Memorial Ballroom. The following people should make plans to attend this debriefing and action meeting:

- Pilot Study Circles Participants
- Pilot Study Circles Facilitators
- Sponsoring Coalition Members
- City Council
- Working Group & Committee Members



Spreading the Word



A variety of opportunities are being made available to make short presentations about the Community Dialogue. Thus far the following have had or

have signed for a presentation:

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| ✓ Neighborhood Watch Groups | ✓ CVCC |
| ✓ PTO/PTA Meetings | ✓ Centra Health |
| ✓ Chamber of Commerce | ✓ James Crossing |
| ✓ Citizen's Academy | ✓ The Lighthouse |
| ✓ Pastors' Leadership Luncheon | ✓ City of Lynchburg |
| ✓ Women of Excellence | ✓ Liberty University |
| ✓ Economic Dev. Meeting | ✓ Police Department |
| ✓ Mayor's New Business Breakfast | ✓ Wyndhurst Merchants |

Please contact Leslie King at 455-4212 or [Email Leslie](#) to get first hand information presented to your organization.

New Leadership Partner

The News & Advance has agreed to become a Leadership Partner, which is a commitment at the highest level. Positive things are happening with the fundraising efforts for this project and there are opportunities for you or your organization to make a tax deductible donation. Contact Margaret Schmitt, Coordinator for the Community Dialogue, at 455-4208 or [Email Margaret](#).

The News & Advance

Coming Soon!



We are excited to report that a concentrated effort is being made to attract young people to this project. Daveta Saunders, a Community Dialogue volunteer from Liberty University, will launch Facebook and MySpace for study circles. For those

unfamiliar with these social networking websites; they

allow people to communicate and exchange information offering an interactive, user-submitted network of friends, personal profiles, blogs, groups, photos, music and videos. In addition to these websites, abbreviated study circles are being considered for young adults' participation.

Developments in Communications

The coordination of communications for a project of this magnitude is a huge undertaking. JoAnn Martin and her team have been busy with the following projects:



- Maintaining website and e-newsletter
- Creating a table top display
- Developing a brochure (includes a registration form)
- Coordinating the use of two billboards donated by Dodson Brothers
- Mailing bookmarks in water bills
- Creating Facebook and MySpace pages
- Submitting grant inquiries and applications
- Generating postcards for the Pilot Action Forum
- Mailing to all Housing Authority Clients

For more information, please visit these links at the website:

[Many Voices - One Community Timeline](#) | [Committees/Contact Info](#)